Grant of licences for manufacturing ..of insecticides etc

†1405. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Harbicides being produced in the country alongwith the names of the manufacturing companies and their installed capacity;

(b) the names of the firms alongwith the products which have been granted letter of Intent/Industrial Licences for manufacturing of technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides etc. during the last two years; and

(c) the names of the parties alongwith the products whose applications are pending for grant of letter of Intent/Industrial Licences for manufacturing of technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Information in reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) is given in the attached statements No. I. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 68]. II [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 69] and III [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 70].

Government participation in the Haldia Petro-Chemical complex

†1406. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider their earlier decision and participate in the equity holding of the proposed Haldia Petrochemical Complex sponsored by the West Bengal Government; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

†Previously Unstarred Question 824, transferred from 24th April, 1987.

‡Previously Unstarred Question 713 transferred from the 23rd April, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Decision was taken and communicated to the State Government of West Bengal on 6.7.84 that it would not be possible for the Central Government to participate in this project owing to resource constraints. The position remains the same.

Import of technology

1407. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced measures to liberalise import of technology and investment from abroad for further development of India's industrial capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the reasons for import thereof from foreign countries;

(c) what are the names of new foreign companies which have shown their interest to instal industries in India; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government had recently eshanced the delegated powers of the Administrative Ministries to accord approvals for foreign collaboration proposals. Under the new procedure an Administrative Ministry can now decide the foreign collaboration proposals which do not involve foreign exchange outgo of more than Rs. one crore, in the aggregate, in terms of knowhow and royalty as compared to Rs. 50 lakhs earlier. Besides, as a further liberalisation of import of technology, Government have decided to allow higher rate of royalty and foreign equity in Indian companies where technology is sophisticated and closely guarded.

(c) and (d) Government approved 1024 and 957 proposals for foreign collaboration in 1985 and 1986 respectively as compared to 752 proposals approved in 1984.

In fact, Government approvals are in response to the proposals submitted by the Indian companies, as the initiative for selection of technology for modernisation and development is left to the Indian entrepreneurs. The ir proposals when received are examined in consultation with various technical authorities and the Ministries/Departments concerned with the item in question.

Development of North Bengal

1408. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum from North Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jalpaiguri regarding industrial development of North Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said memorandum; and

(c) what action has been taken on the said memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the memorandum, the Chamber had emphasised the need for speedy industrial development of North Bengal and had requested for setting up a few major industries in each District of North Bengal.

(c) The memorandum was examined and a reply indicating the steps which have been taken/are being taken for setting up industries in North Bengal, has already been sent to the General Secretary, North Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

Industrial licences issued to Madhya Pradesh

1409. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Industrial licences, letters of Intent and D.G.T.D. licences issued in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) what are the corresponding figures of the other States, like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu in these regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The number of letters of intent and industrial licences issued and the schemes registered with D.G.T.D. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 for the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are indicated below :—

Name of the State	No. of Letters of Intent issued during			No. of Industrial Licences issued during			No. of Schemes registered with DGTD during		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Madhya Pradesh	77	89	55	36	39	34	174	189	109
Uttar Pradesh	132	196	135	80	79	69	360	335	221
Maharashtra	194	211	173	140	134	96	195	288	177
Gujarat	107	151	105	82	69	86	150	201	103
Tamil Nadu	89	110	104	85	177	61	164	149	89